

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Final office action of March 8, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-35 remain in this application.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of the allowability of claims 19 and 35.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Youngs (U.S. Patent No. 6,600,918). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, recites connecting the first mobile terminal, receiving a request from the first mobile terminal for resource information, transporting the requested information to the first mobile terminal, receiving a selection input from the first mobile terminal and negotiating a communication connection between the first and the second mobile terminals responsive to the selection input. Youngs fails to teach or suggest these features.

Youngs merely discloses a media program provider for sending transmissions to handsets. However, Youngs fails to teach or suggest the media program providers requesting resource information, receiving resource information, sending a selection input and negotiating a communication between the first and second mobile terminals responsive to the selection input. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action asserts that handset 32f (FIGS. 2 and 3 of Youngs) is equivalent to a media program provider (see Office Action, page 3). However, Youngs fails to teach or suggest receiving a request from the handset 32f (as a “media program provider” according to the Office Action) for information relating to the resource and transporting the requested information to the handset 32f. Rather, even assuming *arguendo* that handset 32f is a “media program provider” as the Office Action asserts (see Office Action, page 3), “media program providers” merely provide transmissions (i.e., programs) that are sent to wireless handsets (e.g., wireless handset 24), see col. 3, lines 20-29 (see especially, col. 3, lines 22-24, “...method begins with the wireless network receiving the transmissions from a plurality of media program providers, as shown at block 50”).

Youngs discloses a media program provider providing transmissions to a MSC 22 in a network (block 50, FIG. 3). The MSC 22 receives a signal from a wireless handset that selects

one of the media programs provided by a media program provider (col. 3, lines 30-31 and block 52, FIG. 3), then transmits the requested media program to the wireless handset that requested the media program (col. 3, lines 32-24). A second wireless handset then requests the same media program (col. 3, lines 35-37 and block 56, FIG. 3). The MSC then transmits the media program to the second wireless handset. Assuming *arguendo* that the mobile terminal is the media program provider as the Office Action contends, nowhere does Youngs teach or suggest connecting a media program provider, receiving a request from the media program provider for resource information, transporting the requested information to the media program provider, receiving a selection input from the media program provider. Indeed, the media program provider provides the program to the network and there would be no purpose in the media program provider requesting resource information or receiving the requested information responsive to the request.

Claims 21 and 25 are similar to claim 1 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, and 28-31 depend from claim 1, 21, or 25 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 1, 21, or 25.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngs in view of Kotola (WO 98/11744). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 depends from claim 1. As set forth above, Youngs fails to teach or suggest claim 1. Kotola fails to cure the deficits of Youngs with respect to claim 1, nor does the Office Assert that Kotola does. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngs in view of Bridgman (U.S. Patent No. 6,523,062). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 depends from claim 1. As set forth above, Youngs fails to teach or suggest claim 1. Bridgman fails to cure the deficits of Youngs with respect to claim 1, nor does the Office Assert that Bridgman does. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 8, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngs in view of Coan (U.S. Patent No. 6,584,321). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 7, 8, 14, 15, and 32 depend from claim 1. Claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 21. Claims 26 and 27 depend from claim 25. As set forth above, Youngs fails to teach or suggest claims 1, 21, or 25. Coan fails to cure the deficits of Youngs with respect to the independent claims, nor does the Office Action assert that Coan does. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngs in view of "admitted prior art". This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 1. As set forth above, Youngs fails to teach or suggest claim 1. The alleged "admitted prior art" fails to cure the deficits of Youngs with respect to claim 1, nor does the Office Assert that the alleged "admitted prior art" does. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngs in view of Tayama (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,143). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 34 depends from claim 1. As set forth above, Youngs fails to teach or suggest claim 1. Tayama fails to cure the deficits of Youngs with respect to claim 1, nor does the Office Assert that the alleged Tayama does. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

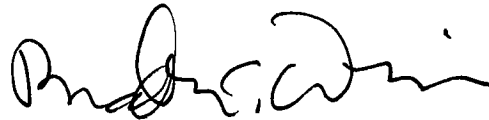
All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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